

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Steel

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Commerce

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Steel

3b. GSA Committee No.

21416

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/14/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/14/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

P.L. 93-618

13. Effective Date

03/27/1975

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

2

16b. Report Date

Report Title

07/20/2018 Letter of Recommendation on China Section 301 Proposed Actions

09/25/2018 Statutory Advisory Report on the Trade Agreement with Mexico and Potentially Canada.

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 8 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 8

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

The Committee members met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: antidumping and countervailing duty cases regarding unfair foreign pricing and subsidies; USTR discussions with Korea on the KORUS FTA; NAFTA 2.0 negotiations, including rules of origin; E.O. on "Buy America/Hire America; Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 on steel and aluminum; Chinese measures to restrict scrap trade; the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity; the OECD Steel Committee; the North American Steel Trade Committee.

The Committee met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: technical barriers to trade; the "Buy American, Hire American" executive order; the steel investigation under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962; the Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity; the North American Steel Trade Committee.

Start

End

10/24/2017 - 10/24/2017

02/05/2018 - 02/05/2018

The Committee met to be briefed and provide advice on the following issues, including: Section 232 investigation on steel; Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity; North American Steel Trade Committee; 05/15/2018 - 05/15/2018 and USTR discussions with Korea on the KORUS FTA.

The Committee members met to deliberate on a pre-decisional draft letter of recommendation on China Section 301 proposed actions. The letter was not finalized and another meeting to finalize it was scheduled. 07/11/2018 - 07/11/2018

The Committee met to deliberate on and finalize a pre-decisional draft letter of recommendation on the China Section 301 proposed actions. The letter was finalized, adopted out of Committee, and sent forward to the Secretary of Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative. 07/20/2018 - 07/20/2018

The Committee members met to begin drafting their pre-decisional Statutory Advisory Report on the Trade Agreement with Mexico and Potentially Canada. Another meeting was scheduled to review a first pre-decisional draft Report. 09/12/2018 - 09/12/2018

The Committee met to deliberate on a revised pre-decisional draft of their Statutory Advisory Report on the Trade Agreement with Mexico and Potentially Canada. The Report was not finalized and will be finalized and decided to finish it during their next in-person meeting already scheduled. 09/21/2018 - 09/21/2018

The Committee met to be briefed and give advice on the following: OECD Steel Committee; Global Forum on Steel Excess Capacity; the Section 232 investigation on steel; the North American Steel Trade Committee. The Committee members also deliberate on the pre-decisional draft Statutory Advisory Report on the Trade Agreement with Mexico and Potentially Canada. The Report was finalized, adopted out of Committee, and sent forward to the U.S. Trade Representative with a copy to the Secretary of Commerce. 09/25/2018 - 09/25/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 8

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$47,325.00	\$48,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$47,325.00	\$48,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.40	0.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee shall perform such functions and duties and prepare such reports, as may be required by Section 135 of the Trade Act, with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and USTR on trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Act. The Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements under section 2103 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sector.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members shall be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, the principal criterion for selection being ability to carry out the objectives of this Committee as set forth in Section 3 of the Charter.

Secondary selection criteria are ensuring that the Committee is balanced in terms of points of view, demographics, geography, and company size.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 3-4.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This Committee is essential to carry out the Secretary and USTR's responsibilities under section 135(c)(2) of the 1974 Trade Act, as delegated by E.O. 11846 of March 27, 1975. There is no other Committee that can perform the duties of this Committee.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Industry Trade Advisory Committees were established by the Trade Act of 1974 and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Subsection 135(f) of the Trade Act provides that the ITACs shall be exempt from the provisions of the FACA relating to open meetings, public notice, public participation, and public availability of documents when it is determined that the proceedings would, if disclosed, seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions regarding trade policy matters. ITAC meetings routinely involve these kinds of discussions. The United States Trade Representative evaluates each meeting agenda and issues a Notice of Determination when it is necessary to close meetings.

21. Remarks

Subcommittees, or their equivalents, are authorized to be formed under the terms of the Committees' charters, which were issued pursuant to Subsection 135 (f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-618) as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463). Because subcommittees, or their equivalents, do not report out independently but through the parent Committee, the costs are included under the parent Committee.

Designated Federal Officer

Robert M. Shaw International Trade Specialist

Committee Members Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Bass, John	02/28/2018 02/14/2022	Nucor Corporation	Representative Member

Bell, Philip	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Steel Manufacturers Association	Representative Member
Beyeler, Dana	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Ellwood Group, Inc.	Representative Member
Dempsey, Esq., Kevin	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Iron and Steel Institute's Council of U.S. Producers	Representative Member
Gibson, Thomas	03/13/2014	02/14/2018	American iron and Steel Institute Council of U.S. Producers	Representative Member
Hickey, William	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Lapham-Hickey Steel Corporation	Representative Member
Lyons, Marcus	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	American Cast Iron Pipe Company	Representative Member
Milligan, Billy	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Commercial Metals Company	Representative Member
Monroe, Raymond	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Steel Founder's Society of America	Representative Member
Muller, Bradford	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Company	Representative Member
Nolan, John	08/31/2017	02/14/2018	Steel Dynamics, Inc.	Representative Member
Salamon, Michael	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Consultant, representing The Cold Finished Steel Bar Institute	Representative Member
Weidner, M. Robert	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Metals Service Center Institute	Representative Member
Weiner, Robin	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries	Representative Member
Wolfort, David	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Olympic Steel	Representative Member
Woltz, III, Howard	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Insteel Industries, Inc.	Representative Member
Zelesne, David	02/28/2018	02/14/2022	Owen Steel Company, Inc.	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 17

Narrative Description

The Committee shall perform such functions and duties and prepare such reports as may be required by section 135 of the Trade Act with respect to the industry trade advisory committees. The Committee advises the Secretary and the USTR concerning the trade matters referred to in section 135(a)(1) of the Trade Act, and is consulted regarding the matters referred to in section 135(a)(2) of the Trade Act. The Committee functions solely as an advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of the FACA, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., with the exceptions set forth in the Trade Act. In particular, the Committee provides detailed policy and technical advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary and the USTR regarding trade barriers, negotiation of trade agreements, and implementation of existing trade agreements affecting its sectors; and performs such other advisory functions relevant to U.S. trade policy as may be requested by the

Secretary and the USTR or their designees.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

6

Number of Recommendations Comments

On average 2-3 recommendations are made annually. The total number of recommendations is for the charter term 2014-2018.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

No measureable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

No measureable calculation. Committee members that give advice to U.S. trade negotiators, typically do not receive feedback from negotiators regarding how their advice has been applied or utilized within the various bi-lateral and multi-lateral trade negotiations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Most feedback is rendered orally during meetings; when written advice is sent to the Secretary of Commerce and the USTR, or their designees, it is reviewed by Secretary's policy staff and tasked to appropriate ITA unit to prepare draft response. Commerce internal procedures require that all responses for Secretarial signature (and/or joint signature with USTR) go through a concurrence process which ensures that the appropriate level Commerce officials are seeing the advice and have a chance for comment. All formal responses must be cleared by the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade prior to Secretary's signature, which ensures that ITAC advice is weighed and considered.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A